

than five days they, of course, would only get five days off from their previous employer. And if it's longer than that, then they would not receive pay. Usually they're burned out and go home and send in a new team by the end of that time. I think it's a fairly innocuous and very important bill. As I stated before, they are mandated by Congress to be there. And these mostly are volunteer workers, they don't receive pay for this. The only thing they're doing is now receiving the pay from their job that they are working at, at the time. I don't consider that being paid for that disaster. I strongly support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Any other discussion on the amendment by Senator Schimek? Seeing none, Senator Schimek, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, just briefly. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'd just like to reiterate a couple of points. First of all, this was a bill that was brought to the Government Committee. It was LB 357, I don't think I mentioned the bill number early on, if you wanted to look in your...in your bill book. And the same arguments really came up in committee that have come up here on the floor this afternoon, it's sort of a rerun, a deja vu, if you will. But what the committee, I think, finally decided was that there were enough safeguards written into it that there would not be misuse of it, certainly. And I think Senator Pirsch mentioned the fact that it is the only organization which is federally chartered, so to speak, for use in natural disasters. The other...the other considerations that the committee had were that it is with the permission of a supervisor. So it has to be for good reason and it has to be, in this case, probably for a real disaster, because the Red Cross does not come in to the state willy-nilly. They come in only under real extreme conditions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the closing. We will now vote on the Schimek amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted on the amendment by Senator Schimek? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of